



**Bible Vision**

December, 19

# YOUTH MEET ATTRACTS MANY

Despite a sudden and premature blast of winter that made driving hazardous, more than 246 visitors registered in the twelfth annual Youth Conference that was held Nov. 2-4. Many others from nearby churches attended the services of the conference without signing up at the registration desk. Dormitory facilities were stretched to the limit to accommodate over-night guests.

Michigan led in the number of out-of-state visitors, with 68 registrants. Illinois was second, with 63, and 62 came from Ohio. A bus load of 38 drove in from the Peoria area. Smaller delegations came from Detroit, Mich.; the Sideling Hills church in Pennsylvania; Lima, Ohio; and Berne, Ind.

Rev. Leonard Ravenhill gave his first message in the Friday morning day-of-prayer service. Then the conference proper began Friday evening. The service on Sunday afternoon brought the event to a close.

Rev. Ravenhill spoke in the First Missionary Church Sunday evening, then went to Taylor University for two meetings on Monday. He reported briefly in the Tuesday chapel

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## HOLIDAY VACATION WILL EXTEND FROM DEC. 14 to JAN. 3

Most of the students are taking advantage of the nineteen day vacation period to spend the holidays off campus with loved ones or friends. Release from studies begins at noon on Friday, Dec. 14, and will end Thursday morning, Jan. 3. Somewhat longer than last year's vacation, this holiday period has several added days by virtue of there having been no week-end recess at Thanksgiving time.

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## DR. JOHN RUSSELL LEAVES U. S. OF— FICE OF EDUCATION

Dr. John Dale Russell, Director of Higher Education in the United States Office of Education, has accepted a position with the State of New Mexico in its department of education. Dr. Russell has had a long record in the field of higher education that has given him the reputation of a leading authority. He has served as professor at the University of Chicago and as Secretary of the Commission on Higher Institutions of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Besides extensive research and writing, he has conducted numerous educational surveys and his counsel is frequently sought by educators.

Not only is Dr. Russell an expert in his field, but he is also an avowed Christian. His membership is in the distinguished Wallace Memorial Church in Washington, D.C. Providentially, a man of Dr. Russell's qualifications was serving as Director of Higher Education in the USOE when the Accrediting Association of Bible Institutes and Bible Colleges came into being. His sympathetic and wise counsel have been frequently sought, and the Association owes much to his helpfulness for the progress it has achieved.

# RADIO PROGRAM NOW ON HCJB

By a recent decision of the Students' Mission Band to sponsor the broadcast, "Sunrise Chapel" went on the air this month as a weekly feature on the short wave station HCJB, of Quito, Ecuador. The program is heard each Wednesday evening at 9:30 p.m., CST, and may be tuned in at 12.5 megacycles in the 24 meter band of the short wave dial.

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## RECITAL GIVEN BY STUDENTS NOV. 15

The second in a series of student recitals was given in Founders' Memorial Tuesday evening, Nov. 15.

Vocalists in the program were Joyce Clevenger, George A Miller, Mayme Hodges, Barbara Fowler, Katherine Enns, Marceil Sumney, and Roy Tobin. Piano solos were presented by Mary Lee Popp, Conchita Los Banos, Ruth Becker, Joan Clauser, Bonnie Shoup, Ruth In-niger, and Barbara Cate.

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## OVEN BLAST BURNS MRS. EVA RIETDORF

Mrs. Eva Rietdorf, one of the cooks, was painfully burned about the face and arms when an oven in the kitchen exploded as she was attempting to light it. Apparently the gas had been turned on for some time without her knowing it, and the accumulated gas flashed as she brought her match near.

She was taken to the hospital for treatment, and was released after several days. Just a week later she was able to be back at work.

During Mrs. Reitdorf's absence, Miss Jennie Miller, cook, and Mrs. Elizabeth Crider, assistant cook, generously helped out in the emergency by putting in extra time.

The evening hour was chosen in order to reach the greatest number of listeners possible in the U.S. "Sunrise Chapel" is one of the more than 1000 gospel programs aired each week on HCJB, which broadcasts in 11 different languages. The station will soon raise its power to 100,000 watts, and will thus improve its already worldwide coverage.

"Sunrise Chapel" is written and produced by Richard Gerig, of the College music faculty, and originates from the chapel of the school. Tape recordings are made in the college studio, and are mailed to outlying stations for broadcasting.

With this latest addition of HCJB, a total of 16 stations are now carrying the school's radio program, and presenting it a total of 27 times per week.

In a radio rally in the first Missionary Church of Fort Wayne, Sunday evening, Nov. 11, an actual tape recording was made for the local broadcast the following morning. Listeners to the program were thus able to see the radio staff in action. Another purpose of the rally was to enlist prayer help toward strengthening the spiritual impact of the broadcast.

Friends of the College who would like to hear "Sunrise Chapel" in their areas are invited to write to Mr. Gerig at the College.

# Speakers Reveal Background

Reticent about his personal affairs, and clearly preferring to speak about his Lord, Rev. Leonard Ravenhill, Youth Conference speaker, was successfully persuaded to tell some of the details in the background of his active evangelistic ministry.

## Student of Samuel Chadwick

Mr. Ravenhill was born to parents who only shortly before had given their hearts to Christ. His father had been given to drink since his early teens. But the home became thoroughly Christian, and young Ravenhill grew up in the Methodist church. Converted at age 14, he later attended Cliff College during the days when it was headed by Samuel Chadwick, author of *The Way to Pentecost*, and other well known devotional books.

Married, and the father of three boys, Mr. Ravenhill makes his home at Manchester England. But, after serving in various pastorates, he felt led three years ago to enter the evangelistic ministry which now takes him away from his wife and sons for more than half the time.

He came to America on the present visit last spring, and plans to sail back to England Nov. 29. He will return to the United States in March, and later will circle the earth by plane, touching at points in Hawaii, Japan, Indo-China, India, and Australia for evangelistic meetings.

## Haire, Man of Prayer

Mr. Thomas Haire, business man of Lisbon, Ireland, was converted at the age of 16. Six months afterward he was reading Isaiah 40:31, and felt constrained to take those words at face value. Then and there he entered upon a growing life of prayer.

He began by devoting four hours a day to praying. Somewhat later he started the practice of all-night prayer, and gave his Sunday nights to such intercession.

In 1938, convinced that if a little is good, more is better, he added Wednesday nights to his weekly vigils. And since 1948 he has given Friday nights to this fruitful ministry, so that he now spends three nights per week in world-wide intercessory prayer.

Mr. Haire has one daughter, married. His wife went to be with the Lord eleven years ago. He never enjoyed the benefits of advanced education, for he had to quit school at age 11, due to the death of his mother. But he speaks with a fluency and persuasiveness that show the work of the Holy Spirit in his yielded, dedicated life.

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## Evangelists in Serious Accident

It is regretted that a very serious accident befell Evangelists Haire and Ravenhill early on Sunday morning, Nov. 18th, in a Chicago hotel fire, on the very day they were to close a revival at the C. & M. A. church. To escape perishing in flames, Mr. Ravenhill dropped Mr. Haire from a fourth story room and then jumped himself. Both men were critically injured with broken ankles, legs, and vertebrae. Mr. Haire also suffered a shattered pelvis. Their lives hung in the balance for a week, and then, in answer to prayer, there was a turn for the better. Cheer came to the men when Mrs. Ravenhill from Britain and Mr. Haire's daughter from Ireland arrived via plane. Students and faculty of the

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# GIRLS TELL OF SUMMER WORK

When Evanna Yoder, graduate of B. C., and Emily Figuly and Thora Mae Fuller, students, went to Oklahoma last June to conduct summer Bible schools, they found themselves on a kind of spiritual frontier. Sponsored by the Go Ye Mission, the girls held two-week sessions in each locality, except in one place where Thora Mae and her partner, a student from Grace Bible Institute, were "frozen out" by opposition after the first week.



Thora Mae's group at Liberty School

Emily and Evanna worked out of Muskogee, and conducted four school sessions. They were thrown on the hospitality of the community, which afforded an unvarying menu and little if any privacy. Sometimes their beds were already occupied by tiny inhabitants, and they also saw traveling table decorations. When no entertainment was offered, they fell back on crackers and peanut butter, furnished by the mission, and slept on cots in the school buildings.

Thora Mae's work was among mixed Indian and White children near Warren, and she had an average enrollment of about 20. Emily and Evanna had two white schools and two negro, with a somewhat higher attendance. In each school there were conversions. Emily estimated the total number of children saved in her schools at 100. Thora Mae counted 23 children, and one adult who was won to Christ in the home.

Forenoons were given to school work, afternoons to preparation for the next day, and to visitation, on foot. They aggregated several hundred miles of walking, and Emily says she ruined two pairs of shoes.

Although Oklahoma is a dry state, Thora Mae found bootlegging going on, and it took her a week or so to convince the people that she was not a government spy.

The girls agreed that the work is excellent training for anyone who intends to be a missionary. Would they go back again? There was no hesitancy in their hearty "Yes."



The Teachers. Emily is at left, Evanna center rear.

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*From*



*the President*

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There is a terrible contrast between that first Christmas and the modern celebration of it. The whole scene of the Nativity, apart from the treacherous scheme of Herod, is suggestive of guileness. Purity, innocence, simplicity are the virtues that adorn the participants. There was no thought in Mary's heart that becoming the mother of the Messiah would offer her the opportunity of fame and fortune. She might have exploited the Christ Child as a prodigy and coached Him to become a sensational boy preacher. But the Magnificat in Luke 1:46-55 is a sublime of expression of thanksgiving to God for His grace upon the "low estate of his handmaiden." Nor was there any effort on the part of Mary for special privilege on account of the eminence of her Child. The birth of Jesus in the manger of a stable was in keeping with the complete absence of sophistication that marked these peasants from Nazareth.

Likewise, the part that the shepherds played was artless and unaffected. There is nothing in the record to suggest that they were proudly conscious of their part in being suddenly projected into the world's most historic event. Their minds were imbued with God, not with themselves. They glorified and praised God. There is not the faintest suggestion that they left their work as humble shepherds to cap-

italize on their good fortune, become a religious troupe and follow the path to fame.

All of the remaining persons in the scenes of the Nativity—the Wise Men sincerely seeking the King of the Jews, the devout Simeon who lived to see the long awaited Messiah, the aged Anna who thought only of giving thanks to God—were unaffected, guileless participants in this first Christmas.

How different today! The celebration of the Saviour's birth has become a frenzied season of commercialism. Many celebrate the holiday by dancing and drinking and unrestrained sensuality. Even in religious programs the event becomes an occasion for the display of flesh, as is evident from the complete lack of taste in the clothing (or lack of it) of some soloists in the rendition of Handel's "Messiah." The Roman Catholic Church is fostering a movement to "bring Christ back into Christmas," but its portrayal of Christ is so materialistic that it borders on vulgarity. Certainly the Christ of Roman pageantry is not the Christ that is needed to purify and to spiritualize Christmas. Only the cleansing of Christ's shed blood on Calvary can do that effectively.

Amidst the multitude of activities that clutter up our lives at Christmas, it is nevertheless an appropriate

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# The Great Mystery Of Godliness

By Laurence M. Farr

After outlining for Timothy, in his first letter to the young pastor, various considerations on prayer and the qualifications for the offices of overseer, deacon, and deaconess, Paul (3:16) sums up all of these under the term, "godliness." The term is much like "piety" (as it is translated in French), indicating an interest in and inclination toward religious things; but because of a weakening of the term in English, we use rather a term which refers to conduct as pleasing to God, as showing an interest in Him. The subjects and manners of prayer in chapter 2 are such as would please God; the church officers described in chapter 3 are the kind that please God. But what is the great secret back of such prayer and such church service? It is the same secret that is back of each and every phase of the Christian faith and every feature of the work of the body which is propagating the faith: *Christ Himself*—"He who was manifested in the flesh" and later "taken up in glory."

A mystery, as Paul understood it, is a truth which only the initiated know. Christian mysteries are truths which only Christians know, and which are made known to the Christian only by way of revelation. Only a Christian could know what the standards are which God has set up for godly living, or what any of the truths are which we hold in regard to the world, man, God's dealings in history and with His people, the redemptive work of Christ, or the doctrines of the faith. Many of the mysteries are precious truths which are dear to children of God, or stan-

dards which reveal the loftiness of Christian ethics.

But the mystery of godliness has a special *direct* connection with the person of Christ which is essential and constant. Knowing the truth, for instance, about the prophecy of the kingdoms in Daniel 2, requires the illumination of the Spirit to interpret that and related scriptures. But how different a matter it is to plunge into the realm of prayer! Here it is much more than a matter of knowing facts, or even of understanding great principles. Even after the eyes of our understanding have been opened to see the significance of Biblical instances of prevailing prayer and our hearts have been moved by the infinite scope of the prayer promises, it still remains for us to step into the arena for our own struggle. It is indeed heartening to know that others have entered similar conflicts and won, and blessed to have the divine command to ask largely. But when we actually launch the attack against the enemy, set up the Spirit's standard against invading foes of darkness, we feel the need of personal support. "I am with you" becomes the greatest of all the promises, the most practical of all the weapons, the firmest ground beneath our feet. Here in the desperate spiritual conflict of the human realm we must have deity at our side, we must have the *incarnate Christ*. Only the One who in the days of His flesh won round after round through strong crying and tears as He carried out the Father's will, only He, the perfect Intercessor, can bring us into

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the realm of true accomplishment in prayer.

In the six lines of our text, thought by many to be a song sung by the Christians of the middle of the first century, we have a selection of six deeply significant facts in regard to Christ:

1. The Incarnation. The eternal Son of God, through whom all our material universe had come into being, took on the dress of matter itself, so that He could be seen by human eyes. His existence, here in the plain sight of men—"manifested"—was that of an ordinary being of flesh.

2. The Holy Nature. While the outward appearance was that of a common person, He possessed, by the Spirit, another nature, the righteous nature of God Himself—"made righteous by the Spirit"—because of His inception by the Holy Spirit in Mary's womb. (The truth is expressed similarly by Paul in Romans 1:3, 4, where on the human side Christ is set forth as son of David, and on the divine side, "the spirit of holiness" or "divine nature," as Son of God with power.)

3. The Angelic Ministry. Corroborating from heaven the arrival of the Godhead veiled in flesh, angels made announcements which caused various ones to come and see Him: the shepherds, Simeon, Anna, John the Baptist, Jesus' own parents. So God not only put His Son here, but also dispatched heavenly messengers to promulgate the fact of His arrival and direct people to Him that He might be seen. He was indeed "seen by the ministry of angels."

4. The Preaching in Galilee. Jesus deliberately chose to do most of His public ministry in "Galilee (i.e., 'the rolling-place or mixing-place') of the nations." Where pilgrims and traders crowded in on the crossing

highways of important routes from many lands, the Son of man gave people of many countries a chance to hear the good news, so that He was truly "preached among the nations."

5. The Response of Believers. The ministry of the God-man on this sin-cursed earth was not in vain: "he was believed on in the world." A group of close followers, a band of devoted women who ministered to Him of their substance, and also many others, especially of the common folk, acknowledged the testimony of His signs, the authority of His words, and the drawing power of His deep compassion after His death and resurrection they came to realize that He had borne their sins and bestowed life. They heard the voice of the Son of God and lived; they left the darkness and turned to the light.

6. The Glorious Ascension. The blessed Savior had yet another mighty blessing in store for His own: His work of redemption having been accomplished, He was going to go back to heaven so as to have more power, more authority, more glory, to place at the disposal of His disciples here in this world. As far as His faithful accomplishment of His own mission was concerned, the perfection of His character as He learned obedience by the things which He suffered, His earning the right to a portion with the great and the dividing of the spoil with the strong, He had won the eternal and unqualified "Well done!" of His Father. But for us poor human beings in the world, surrounded by evil and desperately opposed in our work for God, the Ascension means that each of us can now have an unlimited and unending presence of Christ operating within: not the Christ of Galilee merely, but all that He was here plus the reinvested power and glory which

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# What Religion Means To Me

## THE DEFINITION OF CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE

To live in *touch*, in *tune*, in *time* with God!

In reverent *touch* with God, we share His purpose! In strengthening fellowship with Him, we touch His other children in joyful service. This gives an infinitely deeper content than all the thrills of pleasure, wealth, or fame.

In *tune* with God, in harmony with His will, all our feelings are blended into tranquil peace. When we surrender our all to His will, He in turn, gives us His all, His deathless joy, regal calm, victory over wrong.

In *time* with God! Life's brief space outweighed by an eternity of fellowship! This gives the dauntless hope that the best of hope is yet to come—the unfolding of our immortal natures in the vast hereafter.

Such radiant religion rejuvenates, inspires, demands expression. If it means anything to us, we must testify for it, even as Christ, on His cross of agony, became a flaming witness of His Father's love.

—*Frieda Martini Buchen*

# Excerpts From Theology

PARTAKERS—*Laurence M. Farr*

In Hebrews 2:14, 17, we are told that Christ became a partaker of the flesh-and-blood nature which belongs to human beings, so that He was "like His brethren in every respect." The Word of God is very clear as to what this nature is like; it is one which inherits the conditions imposed upon it by Adam, the first of the race—sin universal, death spread to all men (I Cor. 15:21, 22; Rom. 5:12, 14); it is connected with and adapted to the earth or physical creation (I Cor. 15:47) and functions through a soul which dwells in a material, mortal body and is made specifically for earthly existence (I Cor. 15:46, 50); being perishable and sinful, it cannot inherit the kingdom of God (I Cor. 15:46, 50); it is unable to receive the things given by the Spirit of God (I Cor. 2:12, 14). Christ's partaking of this nature meant that He could "bring many sons into glory" (Heb. 2:10). He did it very gladly, because He delighted in doing the Father's will (Heb. 10:7) and also because He had a concern for

the descendants of Abraham (Heb. 2:16).

Because Christ became a partaker of our human nature we may become partakers of Christ (Heb. 3:14). He took our weaknesses, sins, and death, so that we could take His spirit nature, holiness, and life (I Cor. 15:45, 46; Heb. 2:9, 11). We can understand His sharing our poverty, sorrow, and limitation; but we cannot fathom the miracle by which He made us sharers of the divine nature (II Pet. 1:4). What power was it which combined the blessed Sanctifier with us sinners to make us all one, Sanctifier and sanctified? How did the eternal Son make us all brothers, so that He can say, "I and the children whom God has given me" (Heb. 2:9, 11, 13)? We can only wonder, thank, and praise the mighty God for His abounding grace in starting a new generation from the heavenly, imperishable second Adam. It is our identification with Him, a life-giving Spirit, that makes us sharers of His deathless, holy life.

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## SLATES OF F.W.B.C. EVANGELIST-ASSOCIATES

Rev. and Mrs. Blanchard E. Amstutz, 1100 Ensley Ave., Auburn, Indiana:

Dec. 4-16 ..... Spring Hill Methodist, Berne, Ind.

Dec. 26-Jan. 13 ..... Methodist, Pinnebog, Mich.

Mr. Gerald Gerig, Fort Wayne Bible College, Fort Wayne 6, Indiana:

Dec. 4-9 ..... Olivet Missionary, Peoria Heights, Ill.

Dec. 14-16 ..... Missionary Church, Groveland, Ill.

Dec. 30-Jan. 6 ..... Missionary Church, Phoenix, Ariz.

Jan. 8-13 ..... Missionary Church, Van Nuys, Calif.

# The Silent Beauty of a Holy Life

"But we . . . beholding the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory . . ."

These words aptly apply to a new staff member and capable hostess of Shultz Hall, Mrs. Lavina Leightner. Reared in a Christian home, she received salvation while in her teens.

In a never-to-be-forgotten experience the Lord delivered Mrs. Leightner from death's door. She was restored from typhoid fever in answer to desperate prayer, and from then until now prayer has been a daily, living reality.

Answering God's call, Mrs. Leightner found herself among the first student body of the Bible Training School at Bluffton, Ohio. After moving to Ft. Wayne, the school's classes were held at the rescue mission; and when the school moved to its present location, much of the building work was completed by students. Along with her work, the Lord proving His faithfulness, supplied every school need.

Shortly after their marriage in 1909, Rev. B. F. Leightner came with his wife to fill a teaching position here and pastor the First Missionary Church. From 1913 to 1920, Rev. Leightner served faithfully both the School and the Church. From 1924 until his death he acted as teacher, Dean, and Registrar of the school.

Three children are in the Lord's work: Mrs. William S. Dillon of Chicago; Rev. Blanchard Leightner, pastor of the Bible Chapel of Billings, Montana; and Robert Leightner of Worthington, Ohio.

Mrs. Leightner feels definitely

that here she is in the place of Divine appointment and is enjoying this sphere of service. This one, more concerned about making a life than a living, believes nothing is too small to do well. The Shultz Hall family is challenged by her yielded life because her praise-life has worn out the self-life. Mrs. Leightner is thankful to God for His life, light, and leading. She says He has done much for her because she has asked much of Him.

We thank God for His grace in this life and believe she lives so pleasantly because it is a life "by faith." Next to the might of God's Spirit, the silent beauty of this holy life exerts a very real influence on the College campus. Her favorite verse is Isaiah 41:10:

"Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."

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## From the President

time to get alone with God for meditation and prayer. It should be a time of soul-searching to banish pride and it is nevertheless an appropriate time to get alone with God for meditation and prayer. It should be a time of soul-searching to banish pride and self-seeking. It should be a time of spiritual cleansing, for only the pure in heart shall see God.

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# Fellowship

## Circle

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HERE AND THERE with our Circle Family:

"We hope that you can send us the Bible Vision overseas. We are booked to sail on November 16th, to work with the United Missionary Society." (They will be laboring in Nigeria, W. Africa.)

—*Harold and Eileen Crall ('46)*

"My family and part of Swanton Missionary Church congregation saw me off at Toledo Municipal Airport, Tuesday noon, June 7, 1951. I arrived in Honolulu International Airport at 7:15 a.m., Friday, June 8, and was met by Rev. and Mrs. Dwight Niswander. After spending the day and part of Saturday with them, they put me on the plane for Kauai. In 40 minutes I was in Kauai, where I was met by Miss Dorothy Rothfuss ('39) and others from the Island, whom I have since learned to know.

"After a busy summer and varied activities, we are getting into a more regular schedule of teaching children, both new and former contacts, also teaching young people and adults to teach others, and helping in the music activities. Kalaheo Sunday School is engaged in Rally Month now and keeping us all very busy. Last week we found out that we have to move from our present house in New Mill Camp, so again we are facing the problems of moving and getting settled again, after only four months. But God knows all about our problems and He will make a way for us. We appreciate

your interest and prayers more than we can say."

—*Virginia Meier ('44)*

James H. Houston ('20) sends the following report of God's blessing in the Unionville (Mo.) First Baptist Church of which he is pastor: "The Unionville First Baptist Church has recently experienced a gracious revival, and a spiritual uplift. We had with us Evangelist Wm. Poe and Mrs. Poe of St. Louis, Mo. They are very lovely people, full of the Holy Spirit and deeply prayerful. The total additions to the church were 31.—On November 5-9 we are having a School of Missions, during which time we will have five different speakers to visit us, some home and some foreign missionaries. We covet your prayers, and remember us to our friends there."

Following are a few paragraphs taken from a letter sent recently by Dwight Niswander ('34-'37) who is laboring in Honolulu.

"I know that many of you are always remembering us in your prayers and may be wondering about the work and what the Lord is accomplishing here. We do want to explain to you something of the needs, and let me assure your hearts that God is working, and we are praying for a revival that we believe is also forth-coming.

"In coming to a church of this size, and understanding something about its background, caused us to go very slowly the first year. We made few changes. We know that we had to understand the people, and since it is a racial group, that is, all Japanese, we had to adjust ourselves more particularly with this kind of situation. The Japanese are not an inferior race, but in many ways superior to us. They have amazing possibilities, but they are slow and deliberate and also, they are very exacting. Their minds go slow-

er than ours, but they consider matters very carefully, and weigh every decision over and over.

"We have two divisions in our church. There is a pastor of the Japanese speaking group, who are all the members of about forty years and over, and I am the pastor of the English speaking division, which includes all under about the age of forty. The English services are in the morning, and the Japanese services are conducted in the afternoon by Rev. Furuta. Rev. Furuta has been pastor here for about thirteen years and we have been getting along excellently. He preaches a good gospel, and also speaks a broken English. We have two standing committees for each division, each making recommendations to the church board for settlement. The church board is conducted in Japanese, and not understanding the language, I have to do considerable nudging to know what is going on.

"Not everything is ideal in a situation like this, but if it were not for the high moral qualities of those people, our problems would be much greater. We are willing to endure all kinds of things for the sake of these precious people, and we wish to be faithful to our Christ, and pray that God will use us to help these folks to a real spiritual footing. As you know, our church has a large membership. I make no boast of this fact. Too many, in fact, most of them never had a genuine experience with Christ. We have taken in a very few members as yet, as we are encouraging the young set to take a pastor's class first.

"Our church has a tremendous influence in the city. Of all Japanese churches on the islands, our church is most well known, and, as you may know, there are again as many Japanese people here as Hawaiians. There are 175,000 Japanese on these

islands, but 125,000 are still members of Buddhism. Only 5,000 are members of Protestant churches, and one fourth of them are members of our church. I am giving you these figures in order that you may be acquainted with our responsibility. There are thousands of Japanese who, I feel sure, would like to know more about Christ, and that fact is made clear when you realize that we have hundreds of weddings—church weddings with all the trimmings—of young people whose background is Buddhistic. They honor Christianity and thus come to us for weddings. For instance, last Saturday we conducted five weddings. I had one at 2:30, another at 3:30 and the third at 4:30, and Rev. Furuta had two later in the evening and one on Friday. We speak and counsel with these couples in private interview and also witness to them of Jesus, and we have some excellent contacts."

#### CONGRATULATIONS:

Miss Miriam Schumacher ('44) and Mr. Lloyd Rediger were united in marriage Aug. 14, in Phoenix, Arizona. After Feb. 1, they will make their home in Fort Wayne. At present Miriam is teaching in Phoenix Christian High School.

Mr. and Mrs. (Berdaline Gerig '47) Don Cleveland upon arrival of Diana Lynn on November 12th. She weighed 8 lbs. 2 oz.

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#### Evangelists Injured

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Bible College expressed their love by a gift and flowers. Why such a misfortune should befall these godly men is beyond human understanding, but there is assurance that God makes no mistakes in ordering the lives of His children according to infinite love and wisdom.

## Mystery of Godliness

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He had laid aside when He came down. He now has all authority in heaven and on earth, and has appointed His own specially designed Vicar, the Counselor, the Spirit of truth, to communicate to us that authority; He retains in His hands the exceedingly great power by which He came forth from the grave, and makes that very power ours by the Spirit who dwells in us.

This is the great mystery of godliness, the fact that my Lord—the matchless earthly Jesus plus the power and authority and glory which were given on His return to heaven—is *with me, here, today, to enable me to win*. In the realm of prayer, it means victorious intercession; in the administration of the church, it means a consistent testimony and an accomplishment of the mission of the band of disciples. The individual Christian or the church can say, “I can do all things through the empowering Christ.”

## Youth Meet Attracts Many

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period on the numerous victories won there.

Most memorable to many was that Tuesday chapel. Mr. Haire remained at the College for the two chapel periods following the conference, and in his final message he gave a masterly exposition of Matt. 7:7, “Ask, and it shall be given you,” that warmed hearts and stirred up faith.

Both men were given an enthusiastic invitation to return. Mr. Ravenhill, who has been away from his family for some time, indicated that he might need to get his wife's approval on such a return engagement. But Mr. Haire, a widower, said there wasn't a thing to keep him from coming!

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### “SUNRISE CHAPEL” Broadcast Schedule

WKJG—Ft. Wayne, Ind.	1380 kc	7:30 A.M., Mon. to Fri.
WSTR—Sturgis, Mich.	1460 kc	8:00 A.M., Tues., Thur., Sat.
WFUR—Grand Rapids, Mich.	1570 kc	9:30 A.M., Sun.
WLEW—Bad Axe, Mich.	1540 kc	9:15 A.M., Sun.
WMPC—Lapeer, Mich.	1230 kc	8:00 A.M., Wed.
WJEL—Springfield, Ohio	1600 kc	10:00 A.M., Sun.
WHOK—Lancaster, Ohio	1320 kc	8:30 A.M., Sun.
WMBI—Chicago, Ill.	1110 kc	8:15 A.M., Sat.
KGNO—Dodge City, Kan.	1370 kc	8:00 A.M., Mon., Wed., Fri.
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## *Praise Is Given For*

the continued work of grace in the lives of many students

the two students from a liberal college who were brought

God's providence in making it possible for a number of missionary alumni to go to their chosen fields—Prudence Gerber to French West Africa, William and Ruth Harrigan to Sierra Leone, Joe and Malene Jenkins to India, Pauline Wanner to Sierra Leone, John and Helen Blosser to India

the many answers to prayer reported in the inspiring Monday morning chapel services

the two students from a liberal college who were brought to Christ during a week-end visit at the Bible College

## *Prayer Is Requested For*

the Christians of China and the re-opening of that land

the complete recovery of Evangelists Haire and Ravenhill Bible College missionaries

the financial needs of the Bible College, particularly the 1951 payment on the 14-acre Wiebke property due by December 31

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